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COMMITTEE STATUS:

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Executive Council:

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Miles Johnston, Regional Officer, for all UK. Barbara O'Hara, CM.

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GENTLE REMINDER :

(a) The next Committee Meeting will take place in the Skylon Hotel, Drumcondra, on Monday May 29th, at 8.15pm. in the Elland Conference room. Is there a possibility of a full attendance of our Irish based Committee, please!

(b) Members are asked to notify us immediately if you are changing your Address.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

I am still inviting Members of IUFOPRA and other UFO Organisations who receive our Journal and Newsletter to submit Articles, comments and suggestions for publication in our Monthly Newsletter or Journal. They may be of great value to IUFOPRA and yourselves. Maximum Lines allowed in Newsletter, 25. And Maximum lines allowed in Journal, 60 or 3 pages.
All correspondence to our IUFOPRA Address as usual, to Mr Karl Morris, PRO, IUFOPRA, Box No 3070, Whitehall, Dublin,

THE SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN SIGHTING:

We wish to apologise for the delay of sending out our Newsletters. This of course is due to a variety of reasons, mainly, since January, 95, we have been inundated with reports of Ufo sightings from all around the Country, especially in and around the Sugar Loaf Mountain area in Co, Wicklow. This sighting occurred at night time during the month of February (more towards the end of February we think). We have since appealed for any witnesses to contact us re: this sighting, but so far no one has come forward. We are anxious to hear from any of our Irish Members who may have any information about the sighting. If you know anyone who has, well contact our Box Number above.

RETIREMENT:

Our Chief/Director, Pat Delaney, retired from his work as a Police Officer in March, 95, after 36 years of administrating the Law in the Irish Police Force. We believe he was "a fair Cop in every sense of the word". Pat is now on a well earned holiday abroad for a month. Your Executive Council and Committee Members, Pat, wish you excellent health, peace and many happy years in your Retirement. Apart from Pat's other interests, he will be able to devote himself to running IUFOPRA full time from now on.

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DIRECTOR'S THANKS:

I would like to thank all concerned in wishing me well on the occasion of my recent retirement from my work. I will do my best to run IUFOPRA from now on the way it should be run. Again, many thanks.

STRANGE BUT TRUE !

Recently, I began reading a book written by an American Ufologist about her experiences with aliens at her home in New York City. I was very surprised to discover that when she sought the help of OMNI Magazine for a chapter in her book, she was told by a former employee of the magazine that the Management DO NOT BELIEVE IN UFOs in spite of the fact that they give superb saturation coverage to the UFO Phenomenon. Apparently, they publish UFO material for commercial reasons, just like any other magazine, except that to them it is strictly business decision, having little whatsoever to do with journalism and scientific research. What a let down! especially as OMNI is the only American Science magazine so far that continues to publish serious articles on UFOs and other related phenomena. However, in spite of this revelation, it should not put any one off buying it as we in IUFOPRA, still maintain that it is the best American Science magazine on the market, which gives in-depth coverage to the UFO phenomenon. Still, you can't help but wonder what Omni's Management are really thinking when they read and publish all those wonderful articles on Ufology.

TOP SECRET FILM:

IUFOPRA has learned that a top secret film allegedly showing Dead aliens will be screened for the first time anywhere in the world, this Summer, and in England at a UFO Conference at Sheffield Hallam University in August. The 16mm film will also form the basis of a 91 minute documentary which will be shown by the BBC in August of this year. This film has been classified as "TOP SECRET" for almost fifty years. It was allegedly shot by U.S. Government Officials in the New Mexico Desert where a flying saucer was supposed to have crashed in 1947. Air Force Officials immediately sealed off the crash site, and the film, which was shot by Military Camera Personnel was immediately classified. Many Ufologists claim that the truth has been covered up ever since.

This silent black and white film shot on 14 reels, was copied by a former Military Cameraman, now 82 years old, and still living in America. He has always believed, and even to this day, that the cover-up was wrong and that the evidence should be publicly examined.

The camera man in turn, passed this film on to a British TV Documentary film maker Ray Santilli, who was in America at the time to do a documentary on Elvis Presley. This film is alleged to show Scientists examining a creature laid out on a slab inside a tent at the Crash Site, guarded by Military Police. Scientists are seen to carry out an autopsy on the Alien body and examining tissue samples. It also shows part of the Space Ship wreckage - allegedly made from material that could not be burned, dented or cut. Experts believe the coverup was intended to give Scientists the opportunity to try and copy the engineering. This film has been checked by the Kodak Film Company and they have confirmed that it is fifty years old. IUFOPRA hopes to receive further information on this new development and we will keep you informed when we do.

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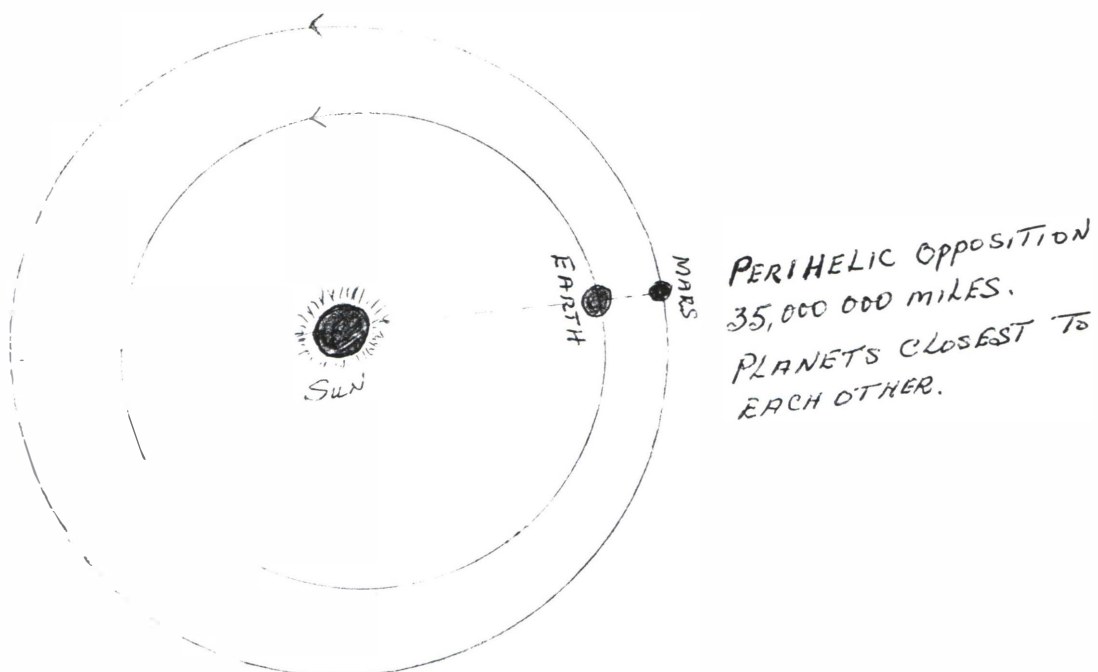
SUB REMINDER:

Any Members who have not yet cleared up their Membership Subscription. Please try to clear it now.

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T H E P L A N E T M A R S

Mars will be situated between Leo and Cancer all Spring and will be high in the sky throughout the evenings. The red planet reached opposition on Feb. 11d and will be receding away from us after this date. The opposition this year was not the most favourable as the planet is now 64 million miles away from us. At the most favourable oppositions Mars comes to within 35 million miles away and when this happens it is called a perihelic opposition. Oppositions occur every 780 days or about 26 months. At opposition time the planet rises in the east at sunset and may be seen in the sky all through the night as it will be on the meridian at midnight. The next opposition in 1997 will be more favourable than the present one, but for the next perihelic opposition we will have to wait till 2003, see diagram below. Perihelic oppositions occur every 15 years but in some cases every 17 years. The distance of Mars from the Sun is 141.5 million miles (mean) and its orbit



around the Sun is not concentric but more towards an ellipse, so are all planetary orbits, but Mars more so than the others. The Earth is almost 93 million miles from the Sun, so our orbit is inside Mars. The Earth orbits the Sun every $365\frac{1}{4}$ days, but Mars orbits the sun in 687 days and does one rotation on its axis in 24hr37m22.6 secs whereas the Earth rotates on its axis in 23hr 56 mins. The diameter of Mars is 4,200 miles a little over half the Earth's diam. Its mass is only a little over one tenth (0.11) of the Earth and a volume of only 0.15 the Earth's. To see any surface markings on Mars one would need at least a 4 inch refracting or an 8 to 10 inch reflecting telescope. The north polar ice cap may also be seen and filters give more contrast or enhance certain features.



A very detailed and delicate map of Mars by the Italian Astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli made in 1881-2 appears in Sir Robert Ball's book "The story of the Heavens". Of course other Astronomers in the past did a lot of mathematical work on Mars and Venus to calculate the distance of the Sun with great accuracy. Names like Kepler, Newton, Le Verrier, Schröter & Huygens come to mind.

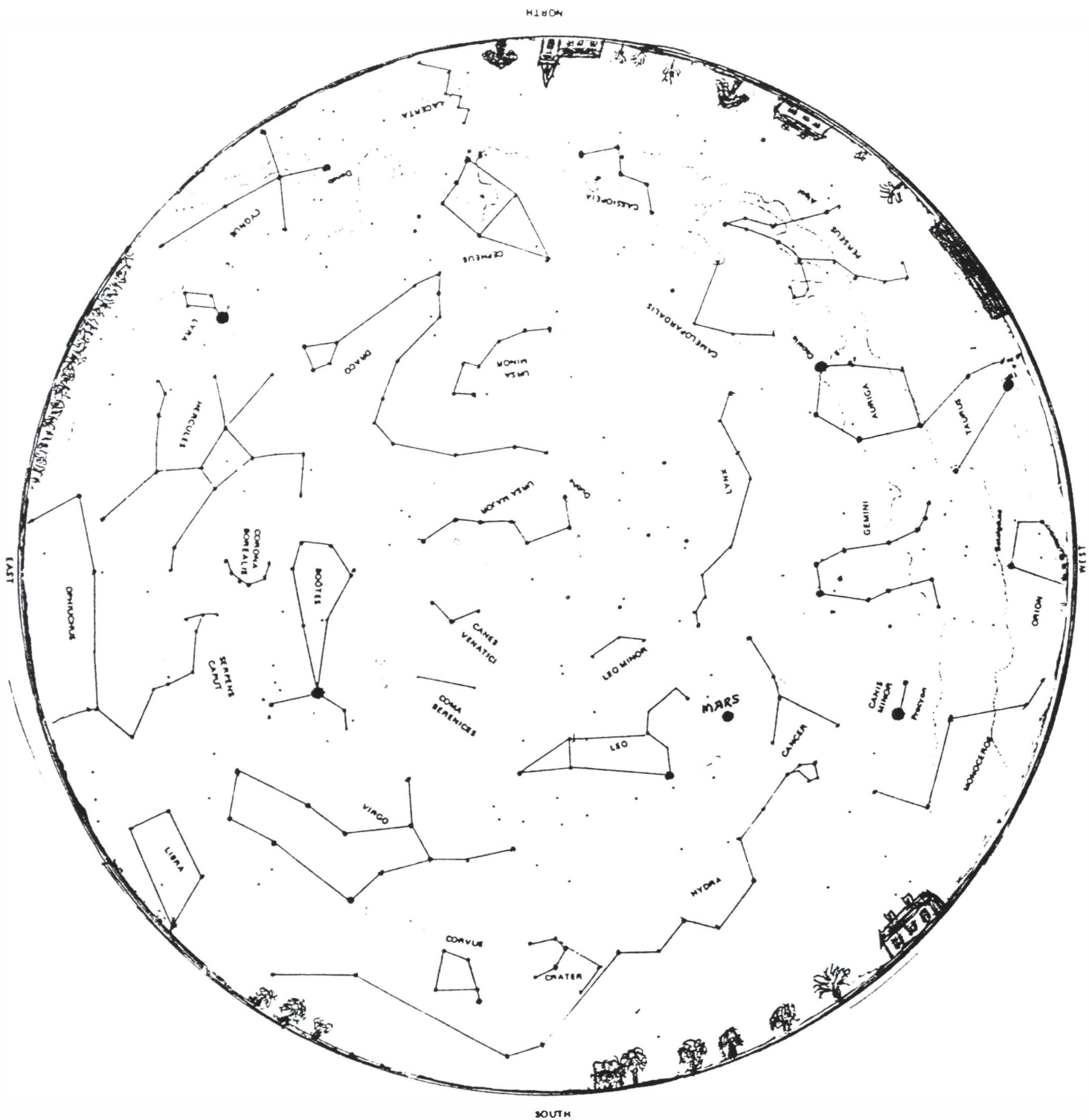
In the year 1877 during a most favourable opposition of Mars Professor Asaph Hall of Washington observatory (U.S.A) observed Mars through one of the greatest refractor telescopes in the World at that time which had an object glass 26 inches in diameter and was made by the famous telescope maker and no doubt optician Alvan Clarke & Sons in the U.S.A. Hall meant business and everything was right so to speak, he hoped to find one satellite orbiting Mars but to his surprise he found not one but two which were faint at magnitudes 11 or 12. One had a period of 30hrs 17 mins 54 secs and the other 7hrs 39 mins 14 secs. In other words it orbited Mars 3 times daily and this seemed unusual since it takes the Moon 29d 12h 44m to orbit the earth.

Another Astronomer who devoted much of his time to Mars was Percival Lowell who was born in Boston USA in 1855. He graduated from Harvard where he studied, Mathematics, Physics and History. He worked in an Embassy and looked like someone destined to be a statesman, but instead when he reached 40 years of age he decided to turn to Astronomy. After studying Schiaparelli's work, he came to the conclusion that the lines on Mars were canals carrying water from the polar regions to Cities etc. Lowell came from a wealthy background and in 1894 had an observatory built at Flagstaff, Arizona about 7000 feet above sea level. He observed Mars through various telescopes made by John Breashear and Alvan Clarke but didn't find any evidence of life or anything to support his canal theory although nevertheless he remained convinced that they carried water. He was correct about some of his Mars observations and Lowell observatory became famous afterwards for discoveries in other branches of Astronomy. I omitted to mention earlier that the two satellites of Mars were subsequently named Phobos and Deimos. Phobos the inner satellite and Deimos the outer one. Phobos the inner Satellite is the larger of the two measuring 18miles by 12 miles and is 3,700 miles above the Surface of the planet. Deimos the outer one measures 9miles by 6 miles wide, and is 12,500 miles above the planet. They give little or no light to the surface of Mars. They are longer than wide in shape and very irregular at that and the measurements are only approximate. They are also pitted with craters and seem to be made up of a rock similar to meteors or perhaps basalt.

SPACEPROBES

Mars is a rather inhospitable planet to say the least with an atmosphere composed of 95% Carbon Dioxide 2% Nitrogen and 1.2% Argon. Has an atmospheric pressure of only 6 millibars and a temperature 0 deg C to -125deg C, although this can vary. The early mariner probes were designed to fly past Mars. Mariner 8 failed but 9 was very successful sending pictures back for a whole year.

STAR-CHART :
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Stars of spring

TEN POINTS TO NOTE IF YOU SHOULD SEE A UFO OR EXPERIENCE A CLOSE ENCOUNTER: NB: THIS IS NOT A JOKE AND YOU ARE ADVISED TO TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY.

(1) Do not approach the landed UFO within 10 feet and try to remain under cover if possible.

(2) Never touch the UFO. This could be very dangerous.

(3) If you are alone, look for another possible witness, to verify your sighting, but do not spend too much time on fruitless searching for other people.

(4) Try not to interfere with the activities of a UFO occupant. It may be hostile or indifferent to your fragility. If it shows signs of wishing to communicate, comply as best you can. Try not to allow your natural panic to prevent you from doing so.

(5) Try to memorize as much as you can about the UFO and what it does and about any occupants and what they do.

(6) Try to be aware of the time throughout the incident. This is most important.

(7) If you have a camera with you, try to take as many photographs as you can. Also, try to photograph landmarks, preferably in the same frame as the UFO for comparison purposes. Photograph the occupant if they do not appear to be hostile towards you. When the UFO is gone, look for signs that it was there and make special note of them so that they can be found again.

(8) After the experience is finished, you should consult your doctor as soon as possible to make sure that you are not suffering from exposure to large doses of radiation or from some other sickness. Also ask him if it would be wise to consult a psychiatrist. This is not as silly as it sounds. You could be suffering from shock or you could even have hallucinated the entire episode as a result of a mental illness of you were not even aware.

(9) As soon as you can, write down everything you can remember about the experience. Make as many drawings as possible. You should repeat this about four days later without looking at your previous effort. Comparison should only be made after you are satisfied you have completed the second effort.

(10) As soon after the incident as possible, contact IUFOPRA, Box 3070, Whitehall, Dublin, 9. Or phone our Mobile Number-01/088-530332. And leave your message on our Answering Service. Our Answering Service is switched on from 6pm - 10pm. Mondays - Fridays. And make your report to us as clearly and precisely as you can. You should make a point of telling us if there were any marks on the ground or if you received any burns or rashes. A Witness Report form will be sent to witnesses, the form contains questions vital to a concise report.

NB: All reports will be treated in the strictest of confidentiality.